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6 U.S. Officials Win Top Federal Honors

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Six Federal career officials yesterday won the 1967 President's Award for Distinguished Federal Service, the highest honor that can be conferred on a career employee of the Federal Government.

They are:

Myrl E. Alexander, 57, director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons who in his 33 years of Federal service developed more effective methods of treatment in correctional institutions. Under Alexander's direction, the Bureau has emphasized community-based rehabilitation programs.

Arthur E. Hess, 51, director of the Bureau of Health Insurance of the Social Security Administration, who organized and directed the Medicare program.

Sherman Kent, 63, director of National Estimates and chairman of the Board of National Estimates of the Central Intelligence Agency. Under Kent's leadership the Board has grown into a "highly responsive operation," influencing critical questions of na-

tional security, the citation said.

C. Payne Lucas, 33, deputy director of the Africa Region of the Peace Corps, who has been described as a vital force in guiding Peace Corps workers to new levels of friendship in the developing countries of Africa. Lucas was credited with establishing a working relationship with the President of Niger.

William J. Porter, 52-year-old Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, who was called a pioneer in unifying United States civilian aid programs in South Vietnam and who was credited with greatly increasing their effectiveness.

Carl F. Romney, 43, a seismologist with the Department of the Air Force, who, it was said, made "outstanding contributions" to the development of a control system for underground nuclear tests.

Dr. Romney served as a technical adviser to United States negotiators of the test ban treaty.